

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application is requested. The claims presented for reconsideration are claims 28, 30, 32-51, and 55-56.

This amendment cancels claims 29 and 31, introducing new claims 55 and 56 in their places. In addition, claims 30, 32, 34-36, 38, 40-42, and 48-49 have been amended to depend from new claim 55.

The undersigned wishes to express his gratitude to Examiner Chen for pointing out that previous amendments to claims 29 and 31 appear to have been made in error. Accordingly, this amendment is intended to rectify any previous errors, and no new language is introduced. Accordingly, this amendment introduces no new matter or raises no new issues before the Examiner.

This amendment is believed to place the claims in condition for allowance. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration in the form of a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

Since all the claims are clearly in condition for allowance and distinguish over the prior art of record, whether taken singly or in combination, an early Notice of Allowance is in order and the same is most earnestly solicited.

If there are any questions regarding this amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #225/44173).

Respectfully submitted,

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